

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 100

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 132

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 100—Relative to Truck Driver Appreciation Week.

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This measure would proclaim the week of August 25 through September 1, 2001, as Truck Driver Appreciation Week and would encourage businesses, schools, communities, churches, and other organizations to join in this observance by commending professional truck drivers for the vital role they play in the lives of Americans.

WHEREAS, Professional truck drivers safely deliver important goods to every home, community, school, and business in the United States, traveling more than 200 billion miles and delivering eight billion tons of freight; and

WHEREAS, The trucking industry generated \$486.1 billion in freight revenues in 2000, and California truck drivers are the backbone of this essential industry; and

WHEREAS, Trucks deliver freight for 57,100 manufacturing companies, supply goods to 164,000 retail stores, stock 72,400 wholesale trade companies, and supply goods to over 36,000 agriculture businesses, while transporting their produce and products to market, all within California; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 79 percent of California communities are served exclusively by trucks; and

WHEREAS, Truck drivers keep the shelves of our local supermarkets fully stocked, play a vital role in bringing the newspaper to front doors every morning, and deliver blood, medicine, and diagnostic equipment to hospitals and clinics; and

WHEREAS, Truck drivers ensure that raw materials and intermediate products for cars, trucks, appliances, and other important consumer goods are delivered to the assembly line safely and on time and then deliver the finished products to stores; and

WHEREAS, The economic system of this country rides on the wheels of trucks; and it is the men and women who drive those trucks that keep that system going; and

WHEREAS, The trucking industry is committed to safe travel for all motorists on California's roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, The California Highway Patrol reports that in the past five years, truck travel in California has increased approximately 60 percent, while the rate of truck involvement in fatal accidents decreased 55 percent; and

WHEREAS, Professional truck drivers have been honored as among the safest drivers on our highways, many receiving awards for extraordinary acts of heroism and bravery, for saving fellow motorists from injury and death; and

WHEREAS, Truck drivers are the unsung heroes of the American highway and the United States economy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims its support for National Truck Driver Appreciation Week by proclaiming the week of August 25 through September 1, 2001, as Truck Driver Appreciation Week in California in honor of those men and women in America who deliver our goods by truck, and encourages businesses, schools, communities, churches, and other organizations to join in this observance by commending professional truck drivers for the vital role they play in the lives of Americans; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

